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PRAMS Policy for Sharing Data with External Researchers:

Data collected through Iowa PRAMS are subject to confidentiality provisions contained in Iowa Code chapters 22, 135, 139A, 141A and other provisions of state and federal law.

When data files are requested, external researchers will be required to complete the **IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH** (IDPH) **PRAMS AGREEMENT FOR SHARING DATA WITH EXTERNAL RESEARCHERS**, as well as a **Data Request Application**. By completing these forms, researchers will provide a thorough description of the study, data fields/variables/years of data requested, any proposed linkages, format and media type for data delivery, specify how data will be destroyed after the termination of the named project, and the person responsible for compliance with the agreement.

Furthermore, the **AGREEMENT FOR SHARING DATA WITH EXTERNAL RESEARCHERS** states that the researcher agrees to the following: the information will be used solely for the purpose stated; and data, including findings or conclusions derived from analysis of PRAMS data, will not be shared, published or otherwise released without IDPH's prior approval.

Requests for use of PRAMS data are subject to review by an internal mechanism. Data will be stripped of all information that could identify an individual participant. Data or information from PRAMS will not be used to establish contact with the named person or her family without prior written approval from IDPH.

All PRAMS data received will be stored in a secure locked area with access restricted to project personnel for research purposes only as set forth in the **AGREEMENT FOR SHARING DATA WITH EXTERNAL RESEARCHERS**.

If during the research study there is a modification to the project or if the project is terminated, notice will be sent to IDPH explaining the modifications or stating the date of termination. The researcher will not modify the use of PRAMS data from that contained in the **AGREEMENT FOR SHARING DATA WITH EXTERNAL RESEARCHERS** without prior written approval from IDPH.

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